

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Consultation Meeting No 89 – 16th September 2013**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 89 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 16th September 2013 at 6.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman C Cousley, MBE

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
H Connolly
B Kennedy

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
A Cavlan
J Finlay, Mayor
R Halliday
R McAfee
C McLaughlin
P McGuigan
E Robinson, MBE

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
T McKeown
I Stevenson, Deputy Mayor
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Business Support Officer

Clanmill Housing Association (Item 1)
Colette Moore (Group Director of Housing)

DoE Planning Service (Item 4)
Karen Dickson – Planning Service

Press

89.1 CLANMILL HOUSING ASSOCAITION

The Chair welcomed Collete Moore (Group Director of Housing) to the meeting to give a presentation to members on their range of services to provide high quality homes for those with housing needs. The presentation is attached as Appendix 1.

Mrs Moore responded to questions from members relating to:

- Percentage of current arrears (10%)
- Percentage of tenants on housing benefit (70%) and appointment of Debt Advisor
- Affordability of rental costs
- Association's building, development and funding source
- Equity share scheme to enable residents to purchase housing within the development.
- Level of applications for housing and turnover of properties (currently on target)
- Association's adherence to selection scheme (scheme is currently under review)
- Designated personnel available to answer queries
- Satisfaction surveys carried out by independent personnel
- Location of dementia care homes in the area (currently Belfast)

The Chair thanked Mrs Moore for her presentation which concluded at 7.00 pm. Mrs Moore left the meeting at that time.

- * **Alderman Connolly joined the meeting at 6.50 pm during the presentation**
- * **Councillor McAfee and Councillor McGuigan joined the meeting at 6.55pm during the presentation.**
- * **The Planning Officer joined the meeting at 7.00 pm.**

89.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

89.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 88 – 19TH AUGUST 2013

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kennedy and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 88 – 19th August 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

89.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 New Applications

Items 1-5 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Service accepted except where stated otherwise.

The content of the objections were summarised to members and may be viewed on public access at:

http://epicpublic.planningni.gov.uk/PublicAccess/zd/tdc_home.aspx

ITEM NO 1	APPLICATION NO D/2011/0053/F - REFUSAL
APPLICANT	ALL – Tex Recyclers C/o Agent
AGENT	Park Design Associates, Parkmore House, Parkmore Heights, Ballymena BT43 5DB
LOCATION	1 Ballycreagh Road, Cloughmills
PROPOSAL	Extension to factory for recycling clothes to provide additional loading/storage bays
It was AGREED:	That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay / Alderman Kennedy)

ITEM NO 4	APPLICATION NO D/2013/0014/O – APPROVAL
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs D Logan C/o Agent
AGENT	Michael Burroughs Associates
LOCATION	Land North and West of Logan's Fashions
PROPOSAL	Service area, fast food restaurant, picnic area, petrol station, shop and relocation of access.

Alderman Kennedy thanked the Department for their decision to approve the application. Councillor Finlay concurred with his remarks.

ITEM NO 5	APPLICATION NO D/20013/0092/F - REFUSAL
APPLICANT	Mr T Cuss C/o Agent
AGENT	Mr DM Kearney, Design 2A, Coleraine Road, Maghera BT46 5BN
LOCATION	Between No's 99 & 101 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney
PROPOSAL	Proposed 2 no infill dwellings and garages
OBJECTIONS(1)	Erosion of rural character and access arrangements.
It was AGREED:	That an office meeting be held (Councillor Halliday)

4.2 Deferred Applications

Items 1-4 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Services accepted except where stated otherwise.

D1	APPLICATION NO –D/2007/0382/F – APPROVAL
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D2 APPLICATION NO – D/2008/0460/F – REFUSAL

The Planning officer advised that an amendment to the application has been received. The Department will hold for two weeks to re-assess the application.

It was **AGREED:** that should the application be refused, it be returned to Council and Council will write to the Chief Planning officer requesting a meeting with the MP.

D3 APPLICATION NO – D/2012/0047/F – REFUSAL

The Planning Officer advised that this application has been withdrawn.

D4 APPLICATION NO – D/2012/0097/F – REFUSAL

The Planning officer advised that an amendment to the application has been received. The Department will hold for two weeks to re-assess the application.

It was **AGREED:** that should the application be refused, it be returned to Council and Council will write to the Chief Planning officer requesting a meeting with the MP.

4.3 Streamlined Planning Applications – Decisions Issued

A report detailing decision issued from 1.8.13 – 31.8.13 was circulated for members' information.

4.4 Office Meeting

Friday 27th September 2013 at 9.30 am – Lanyon Room, Riada House.

* **The Planning Officer left the meeting at 7.15 pm.**

89.5 PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2013

The Department of the Environment has made a Statutory Rule entitled "The Planning (General Development) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013" (S.R. 2013 No.210), which comes into operation on 30th August 2013.

The main purpose of this Statutory Rule is to amend the Planning (General Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No. 278) (the "GDO") to:-

- revise existing permitted development rights to increase the size area limitation of PD rights for agricultural buildings from 300 to 500m²; and
- provide new permitted development rights for small-scale anaerobic digestion plant on an agricultural unit .

In addition a minor technical amendment has been made to clarify that the GDO cannot grant planning permission for certain development that falls within the scope of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012 No.59) unless the Department has determined that it is not EIA development.

Copies of the Rule can be viewed online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk> or on request from Office of the Chief Executive

89.6 PROPOSED SALMON CONSERVATION REGULATIONS (DCAL) (CC 88.17)

The issue was deferred for further discussion from the August Consultation Committee meeting.

DCAL proposes to introduce a series of Regulations to implement mandatory catch and release for salmon and sea trout angling and to prohibit commercial salmon and sea trout netting. The proposed regulations will also introduce some other minor amendments which are designed to update and improve the regulatory process.

Alderman Kennedy referred to the issue of controlling movement of fish in the rivers and who can fish them. He expressed the view that fish should be allowed to return to their natural habitat for breeding and that there should be natural fish stocks in the rivers rather than those who own the rivers having control. He stated that he would not be supporting DCAL if this is the case. Councillor Finlay concurred with Alderman Kennedy's remarks.

The closing date for receipt of responses is 27th September.

No comments were offered.

89.7 NILGA RESPONSE TO DETI CONSULTATION ON A CREDIT UNIONS AND INDUSTRIAL & PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL

This response has been prepared in liaison with economic development officers from a number of councils and was considered by the NILGA Executive Committee. A copy was circulated to members.

It was proposed by Council McGuigan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and
AGREED:

that Council extend an invitation to a representative from Ballymoney Credit Union to give a presentation to Council on their organisation.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor McGuigan and
AGREED:

that Council endorse NILGA's response to the consultation document.

89.8 DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE – FORTHCOMING PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure will be advertising in the local press seeking applications from people interested in the following appointments – Chair or Trustee of the Board of National Museums and Galleries NI and Vice Chair or Member of the Board of Sport NI.

The formal advertisements were placed in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and News Letter on 5th and 6th September. Information regarding these appointments has previously been circulated to members.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Clanmill Housing Association Presentation

APPENDIX 1

